

REMARKS

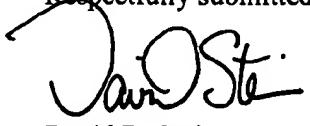
This amendment is filed in response to the Examiner's final office action dated January 16, 2004. In this office action, applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of dependent claim 2, now canceled. As such, this should place the application in condition for allowance and its allowance is respectfully requested..

Conclusion

All of the claims are believed to define patentable subject matter and to be in proper form for allowance. Therefore, consideration and allowance of the presently pending claims is respectfully requested.

No other fee is believed to be payable with this communication. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any other fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

Respectfully submitted,



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